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SUBJ: ECUADOREAN CANDIDACY FOR UN HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION

REF: A. QUITO 1923; B. QUITO 2244; C. STATE 72993

1. AS POINTED OUT PARAGRAPH 4 REF A, OUR PURPOSE IN RECOMMENDING FAVORABLE USG CONSIDERATION FOR MARTINEZ-COBO CANDIDACY WAS AS QUID PRO QUO FOR ECUADOR'S RECENT RECORD OF SUPPORT FOR CANDIDATES WE HAVE PROPOSED AND SUPPORT ON OTHER MATTERS OF IMPORTANCE TO US IN VARIOUS INTERNATIONAL FORUMS. THERE IS THE ADDED CONSIDERATION OF MAKING A GESTURE TOWARDS ECUADOR AT A TIME WHEN BOTH SIDES WISH TO IMPROVE RELATIONS. (AS WE POINTED OUT IN REF B, FAVORABLE ECUADOREAN REPLY ON RUBIN CANDIDACY MADE SPECIFIC REFERENCE TO THE CORDIAL RELATIONS EXISTING BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES.)

2. AS DEPARTMENT KNOWS, ECUADOR ATTACHES CONSIDERABLE SIGNIFICANCE AND PRIDE TO ITS ROLE IN MULTILATERAL DIPLOMACY (GALO PLAZA, LEOPOLD BENITES, ETC.). EVIDENCE OF U.S. SUPPORT FOR AT LEAST SOME OF THEIR CANDIDATES WOULD APPEAR TO US A VERY EFFECTIVE WAY OF SCORING A FEW POINTS AND BUILDING CREDIT FOR FUTURE DEMARCHES DEPARTMENT INSTRUCTS US TO MAKE WITH GOE ON UN AND OTHER MULTILATERAL MATTERS.

3. FOR THE FOREGOING REASONS, THEREFORE, WE WOULD
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HOPE THAT THE DEPARTMENT'S DECISION ON THIS MATTER IS

FAVORABLE TO ECUADOR'S CANDIDATE. IN THE MEANWHILE,
WE WOULD PREFER NOT TO CARRY OUT THE INSTRUCTION
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